

other feudal lord. Thus the men of the royal estates paid to the Crown rent, reliefs, market-dues, tolls, payments in money or kind on crops and flocks (*terraticum* and *carnattcum*), and were bound to labour on the demesne, They were subject also, as were manorial tenants everywhere, to the banalities or monopolies by which the lord forced his men to grind at his mill, bake at his oven, resort to his wine-press, and slaughter their beasts at his shambles at the accustomed charges, Roger II. was also lord of a conquered country.

His predecessors, the Norman dukes and counts, had imposed on the towns and territories which had yielded by force or terms to them tributes which were an acknowledgment of their suzerainty, Thus Palermo on surrendering to Guiscard, Malta on submitting to Roger, the Apulian towns on yielding to Roger's greater son, had been subjected to a tax called *datio*, *date*, or resembling the French land-tax or tattle. To exempt a new commune or manor from this tax was for count or king to in the fullest manner its free character. From its Arab and Jewish subjects the Crown took a tribute, the *geziah*.

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